

To Rep. Jerry Bennett and Rep. Lee Randall

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Subject: Please vote yes for Senate Bill 395 for Mary Elizabeth
Attachments: Mary Elizabeth smiling for Grandma Susan Campbell Reneau as Great Grandma Amy Campbell watches at Easter 2015.jpg

Dear Montana House Judiciary Committee, Senate Bill 395 Sponsor Sen. Mark Blasdel (R-4) and the Leadership of the Republicans and Democrats in this Legislative Session:

I'm delighted to ask your House Judiciary Committee to vote YES for the "Apprentice Hunter Bill" Senate Bill 395 so that young people will become interested in hunting before they become teenagers and have other distractions. I understand that will hear testimony on this bill TOMORROW, April 8, 2015. I want the entire Republican and Democrat leadership and all members of your committee to receive my comments before tomorrow so when this bill comes to you for a vote, you will vote YES whether you are a Republican or Democrat as hunting is non-partisan. I'm also sending this message to Gov. Bullock so when SB 395 comes to his desk for signature, he will sign it into law!!

My friends in Texas have children hunting when they are in lower elementary school and have found that the children are more careful with firearms and hunting techniques than some adults!

When my husband and I moved from Northern Virginia to Montana on September 15, 1992, my sons were not allowed to hunt until they were 12 years old, but in Virginia were allowed to hunt when they entered 5th grade at age 10. My oldest son hunted in Virginia at age 10 and older and still hunts but my younger sons were delayed in hunting until they turned 12 because we had moved to Montana. Only one of my two younger sons still is an avid hunter, partly because the other son returned to live in Washington, D.C. near his childhood home in Northern Virginia. Washington, D.C. has very strict laws against firearm usage and ownership so to hunt for that son is exceedingly difficult.

For my youngest son who is the only one of my three sons who still lives in Montana, he is looking forward to taking his young daughter Mary Elizabeth hunting with him and how wonderful it would be for her to be able to hunt at age 10.

Frankly, I know from my friends in Texas that children as young as 6 are just as safe as children and adults much older so I would favor hunting licenses to be issued to young people whenever they could read the hunting regulations and pass the hunter safety class, no matter their age.

Thank you for serving our state in the Montana House of Representatives and please vote YES on SB 395 for Mary Elizabeth and all young people that have parents and family members willing to take them hunting to enjoy the bounty that is Montana.

A photo of Mary Elizabeth Reneau (age 14 weeks), taken on Easter Sunday 2015 with her Grandmother Susan Campbell Reneau (age 62) and Great Grandmother Amy Campbell (age 97) is attached to this email so you know who you are voting for so Mary Elizabeth can hunt with her daddy as soon as possible. And, yes, that is my Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it.

Sincerely,

Susan Campbell Reneau

Hunter and mother of three human hunters and a husband hunter plus two silly Labrador retriever hunters named Daniel Boone (mellow yellow) and Betty Crockett (zippy jet black)

Blue Mountain, Montana

(two miles north of Lolo and two miles south of Missoula)

